

# From the regions

## Move to U.S. brings better times

K mart 3030, Terre Haute, IN  
— At 3030 there are three coworkers who have come from other nations.

Jo Barrett is a part time employee in home improvements. She is a native of Westport County Mayo, Ireland and came to the U.S. in the late 1960's in a boat, which took nine days. Jo was naturalized as a U.S. citizen in 1977 and is currently a student at St. Mary-Of-The-Woods College where she is studying Business Management and Secondary Education.

Mia Hatfield, who does the ordering for domestics and infants hails from Kyongkido, South Korea. Mia came to the U.S. in September of 1976. She says that she enjoys life much better in the U.S. and finds that she is more independent since the rest of her family is overseas. She really likes her work and friends at K mart. Mia was naturalized last March.

Allan Ifill came from Barbados, West Indies in July of 1974 and moved with his parents to New York City. Allan moved to Terre Haute in 1978 to attend Indiana State University where he is currently studying Safety Management. Allen has not been naturalized as of yet but is considered a permanent resident and plans to become a U.S. citizen. In fact, Allan has been a member of the Marine Corp Reserve since 1978.

## Personal gifts turn into big projects

K mart 9705, Madison, OH  
— "I made a set of dolls for my niece and I think that was a mistake," said Patty Loveland, automotive department.

Patty has made about 24 dolls, reports Robin Scott, and she sells them for \$25 a set.

What started out as one gift has developed into an extra income project. It takes a week of just her spare time for Patty to complete a set of her dolls. The instructions for these dolls can be found by purchasing a McCall's pattern. Patty has developed her own trademark for these dolls: she sews her initials on each doll.

Patty's spare time is a rather hurried minute between extra curricular activities. She is a referee for volleyball and track for the Ohio High School Athletic Association. For the past six years she has donated

her time to this job. Also, for the last three years she has played on the Geauga County Women's Softball League.

"I have made afghans for all my grandchildren," said Sarah Carrie, area merchandiser. In her spare time, Sarah has done quite a few crafts including knitted capes for her daughters and friends, crocheted Christmas Santa Claus dolls and knitted sweaters for all her grandchildren and family members.

Her most recent project was her Tote bag. Sarah made her tote on plastic needlepoint canvas using approximately 1 1/2 skeins of regular yarn. She used a pattern from a book purchased at K mart and made her own butterfly design and color scheme. This tote bag took about a month to make just working at it on her spare time. Now that it's finished she uses it for a needlepoint bag.

Sarah also added, "I have been making bead and safety pin baskets for gifts, and a counted crossstitch pillow for my grandson to give his mother." Sarah has not limited herself to just knitted and crocheted crafts. SHE also creates unique ideas to use as gifts and always finds ways to include her grandchildren in her projects.



Patty Loveland, K mart 9705 shows off her Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls.



Sarah Carrie, K mart 9705 holds her latest project.

## Store goes 375% over UF goal

K mart 7301, Wadsworth, OH  
— Most contests yield a winner and a loser but during this year's recent United Way campaign, everyone came out winners all the way around.

To spur employee interest and participation, Manager Robert Prah devised a friendly competition. Store employees were divided into four teams, one captained by Mr. Prah, the remaining three by Assistant Managers Steve Mueller, Jeff Swirlion and Connie Szabo.

It was agreed that the team garnering the largest average contribution would have breakfast prepared and served to them by the losing team.

After a hard and willingly fought battle, victory fell to the team headed by Mr. Swirlion.

Breakfast, which consisted of eggs, sausage, ham, potatoes, toast and coffee, was cooked and served by losing assistant Mr. Mueller and Area Merchandiser Larry Bond.

The end result of the contest, though, was much more gratifying than the prize itself. The breakfast campaign raised close to \$3,200 in contributions to the United Way, almost 375% over store goal.

## Runner finishes Free Press Marathon

Kreage 123, Southfield, MI — Orrin Johnson, employee of party goods, plastics, stockroom and checkouts, participated in the Free Press Marathon, sponsored by Detroit's TV Channel 4's "Go For It Campaign." The Marathon was 26.2 miles and 5,000 people participated in it. Orrin trained for the event in long distance running in his spare time. He placed about 800th out of the 5,000 and that alone is a fine accomplishment.

Orrin says that he has blisters under both feet but other than that he is in good shape.

The entry fee was \$7 and all of the money was donated to underprivileged people and is sponsored every year by the Free Press.

## Fall festival

K mart 9232, Martinsville, IN  
— The month of October is special in this town, reports Connie Chrenko. The annual Fall Foliage Festival is held including a golf tournament, tennis tournament, bed race, diaper derby, harvest kitchens and much more.

The conclusion is a parade, second only to the Indy 500

parade. Each year to kick off the event, a hostess contest is held. The winner is decided by money earned by each candidate for events held during the allotted time. The hostess with the most money earned is crowned at the Grand Ball and she presides over many of the events held during this time.

The money collected is used to fund the festival and parade. This year there were 13 candidates.

9232's candidate was Dolin Hamilton. She is a cashier and a grand total of \$1,538 was earned by Dell and the employees by holding bake sales, car washes, yard sales, raffles and a giant carnival.

Dell was runner up and earned a \$350 savings bond and a ride on the Hostess Float in the parade.

## Studio clay artist wins awards

K mart 3319, Columbus, OH  
— Dolores Bulderberg reports that assistant supervisor Bill Shearow is a graduate of the College of Art and Design from Columbus and is known as a studio clay artist.

He has entered some of his work in art shows and has taken several first place awards.

Bill has always been interested in art and now he makes and sells pottery and dishes as a hobby.



Bill Shearow, K mart 3319 made this wheel thrown porcelain piece titled "Inclined Pitcher." It is valued at \$150.

## Who's who in high school

K mart 7199, Troy, OH — Employee Samuel Shellhaus has been named to the Who's Who Among American High School Students. This means that Sam is ranked in the top five percent of all Juniors and Seniors in the high schools across the country, reports Ronnie Payne.

Sam is a senior in high school and plans to major in pre-law. He also belongs to Jr. Council of World Affairs at Milton High School.